

One Out Of Every 20 Since Adam's Time Is Now Alive

NASHVILLE (BP)—Plans to win 525,000 persons to Christ during 1959 were discussed by 24 state Baptist secretaries of evangelism at a meeting here.

Also participating in the meeting was Leonard Sanderson, Dallas, evangelism secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board.

Preliminary statistics show that baptisms of converts in 1958 will exceed 400,000. The only previous year baptisms exceeded this number was in 1955.

The increased soul-winning goal is a part of the Southern Baptist Convention's participation in the 1959 simultaneous evangelistic crusade by Baptists throughout North America, according to Sanderson.

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Losing Ground

In spite of the 103 million members of churches in the United States, the nation was more non-Christian this year than at any other time, Sanderson said. One of every 20 persons born since the time of Adam is now living, he continued. "This gives Southern Baptists their greatest growth potential."

Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, predicted 70,000 Southern Baptist churches by 1975. The number of churches co-operating with Southern Baptists now is over 31,000, and the denomination has a goal of increasing that substantially in the next

five years.

Since 1940, Redford said, Southern Baptist work has been extended into 24 states where it was not carried on before. Eight of these states have grown sufficiently to organize independent, co-operating state Baptist conventions.

There are Southern Baptist churches now in 43 states and District of Columbia.

In 1960, the evangelism secretaries learned, the theme "Operation Resident Membership" will be used in the Convention. 1957 figures show that of the 8,966,255 members of Southern Baptist churches, 2,474,686 do not live in the area where they have their church membership. These are called "non-resident" members.

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Southern Placed On Probation

DAYTON, O. (RNS) — The American Association of Theological Schools here has deferred for one year a decision on the removal of accreditation of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., because of a controversy between the school's administrators and the faculty which resulted in the dismissal of 13 professors.

Trustees of the seminary were informed that its status will be decided next year on the basis of "a full inquiry as to whether they have taken adequate steps to repair the damage to the seminary and to the dismissed professors."

At the same time, the association's executive committee unanimously called for the resignation of Dr. Duke K. McCall, the seminary's president, from the vice-presidency of the AATS and from membership on its commission on accrediting.

"It is inappropriate that he should continue to serve in these offices while his institution is under investigation by the association," the committee declared.

Reviewed Report

The association is the recognized accrediting agency of theological schools in this country. It acted after receiving a report from a special committee of its commission on accrediting which investigated the dismissal of the seminary's professors "to determine whether this action should affect its accreditation."

Last June the 13 professors were discharged after challenging President McCall's administration.

CONVENTION BOARD MEETS

Fifty-nine of the 76 members of the State Convention Board were present for the December meeting of the body last Tuesday in Jackson.

Beginning at top and going to bottom, each member is listed above with his association, from left to right (For instance, Dr. Lewis White is at left and Mr. Frank C. Burch is at right):

Dr. D. Lewis White, Adams
Mr. Frank C. Burch, Attala
Rev. E. E. Willis, Benton
Rev. B. Dophus Hardin, Carroll
Rev. Samuel M. Brown, Calhoun
Rev. Ira Bright, Chickasaw
Rev. W. L. Meadows, Clarke
Rev. Clifton Perkins, Clay
Rev. Rowe Holcomb, Copiah
Rev. Ervin Brown, DeSoto
Dr. John Landrum, Grenada
Rev. E. R. Quattlebaum, Franklin
Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Hinds
Rev. Victor Clayton, Itawamba
Rev. S. R. Fridge, Jefferson
Rev. S. S. Kelly, Jasper
Rev. M. S. Varnado, Jackson
Rev. J. B. Smith, Choctaw
Mr. Shelby Price, Jones
Rev. J. W. T. Siler, Lawrence
Rev. Joe D. Borewell, Lamar
Mr. Harvey Cherry, Kemper
Rev. Clyde Bryan, Lebanon
Rev. W. H. Henderson, Lauderdale
Rev. L. D. Wall, LeFlore
Rev. O. R. Daniels, Leake
Rev. Robert Wall, Lincoln
Rev. K. E. Stevens, Lowndes
Rev. W. M. Reeves, Monroe
Rev. Marcus Alexander, Marion
Rev. Mel Craft, Mississippi
Dr. Earl Kelly, Marshall
Rev. Paul Brown, Montgomery
Mr. Glenn Perry, Neshoba
Rev. Ivor Clark, Noxubee
Rev. H. T. McLaurin, Newton
Rev. D. C. Applegate, Oktibbeha
Rev. B. D. Isaac, New Choctaw
Rev. John Flowers, Pike
Rev. W. T. Douglas, Pontotoc
Mr. F. H. Hammond, Riverside
Rev. Carey Cox, Rankin
Mr. J. Wesley Miller, Sharkey
Rev. N. F. Greer, Scott
Rev. W. H. Merritt, Smith
Rev. E. F. Hicks, Simpson
Dr. W. Clyde Martin, Tate
Rev. Harry Phillips, Tippah
Rev. W. A. Hamilton, Tishomingo
Rev. Earl Mayhew, Union
Rev. E. D. Elliott, Washington
Mr. A. L. Beavers, Union County
Rev. Robert E. Jones, Walthall
Mr. P. E. Cunningham, Warren
Rev. Charles Hollifield, Wayne
Rev. Charlie Webb, Bolivar
Dr. C. C. Stacy, Yalobusha
Rev. Ulvis Fitts, Yazoo
Mr. Lacey Hodges, Yazoo

istration of the 99-year-old school, oldest of the Southern Baptist Convention's six seminaries. Since then one of the instructors has been re-instated. He is Dr. John J. Owens, professor of Old Testament.

Their dismissal came after the professors had appeared at a lengthy hearing before a special meeting of the seminary's 55-member board of trustees. Earlier, the dispute had been investigated for two weeks by a committee of the board and discussed for two days by the full board.

A reconciliation plan was re-

ported approved by the 13 and Dr. McCall but was said to be not acceptable to the trustees. This called for admission that both sides had erred in the controversy, a rescinding of the dismissals, "free opportunity" to resign for any of the 13, and establishment of a grievance procedure between the faculty and trustees.

Grave Weakness

The AATS special investigating committee, in its report, did not comment on the merits of the dispute or reveal its nature. However, it reported "a grave

weakness and indecisiveness in the administration of the seminary by the trustees and the president."

"Whatever the charges against the professors," it said, "They were manifestly not considered by the trustees or by the president to be such as to disqualify these professors, or some of them, from further teaching at the seminary."

The committee concluded that the wholesale dismissals were "in part intended as a device to secure the discharge of two members of the faculty and

the re-instatement of as many as possible of the remaining eleven."

It also noted that three of the professors had "no opportunity of a full hearing as promised," and that the hearing given the other ten was "too hastily conceived and executed to conform to reasonable standards of dignity and due process of law."

Chairman of the association's investigating committee was Dr. Luther A. Waigle, dean emeritus of Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.

Spain Urged To Lift Restrictions

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—In a statement marking the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations, Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, called on Spain to lift restrictions on the civil marriage of non-Catholics.

Dr. Ohrn said that non-Catholic young people find it difficult and "in some cases impossible" to obtain permission for civil marriage under the recent laws of the Spanish government.

He pointed out that such a policy is contrary to Articles 16 and 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which provide, respectively, for the right to marry and found a family, and for full religious liberty, "including the right to change one's religion."

Spanish law, as presently enforced, requires young people of Baptist and other Protestant churches to "prove that they are non-Catholics before they are granted permission for civil marriage," Dr. Ohrn said.

"Those of our number who received Catholic baptism in infancy find it almost impossible to obtain permission for civil

marriage, even though they have renounced their Catholic ties and become faithful evangelicals," he declared.

Conditions Worse

The Baptist leader charged that conditions for Protestants are worsening in Spain. He reported that three more churches were closed by authorities this fall, bringing to eight the number of Baptist churches closed since 1954, while publica-

tion of the Baptist magazine "Entre Nosotros" (Among Ourselves) has been forbidden by the government since last April.

Catholic bishops, Dr. Ohrn said, have refused to sign statements that young people are no longer Catholics, and affidavits from Baptist ministers that the young people are faithful evangelicals have been deemed insufficient.

"Baptist young couples who

have had to postpone marriage for two years or more now face the dismal prospect that they may never be able to be legally married under present interpretations of the law," he added.

Protestants in Spain number more than 25,000 in some 260 congregations. Of this total some 2,600 in 42 congregations are Baptists. With a population of about 28,000,000, the country is predominantly Catholic.

Board Re-Elects W. L. Meadows

For the third consecutive year Rev. W. L. Meadows, pastor of First Church, Quitman, has been elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

He was named unanimously at the meeting of the full Board Dec. 9. Elected as vice-president was Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of First Church, Holly Springs, succeeding Rev. W. L. Day, pastor of Calvary Church, Tupelo.

Re-elected as recording secre-

tary was Rev. Charlie Webb, pastor of First Church, Cleveland.

The Board also elected its Executive Committee of nine members. The three officers named above automatically became members of this committee with six more elected by ballot.

New Members

New members named were Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Church, Jackson;

Glenn Perry, Philadelphia layman and Rev. Carey Cox, pastor of First Church, Brandon.

Members reelected included Rev. Clifton Perkins, West Point; Dr. John W. Landrum, Grenada, and Rev. Day.

The Board adopted the report of the Convention's Education Commission, which included three recommendations.

Within a reasonable period of time, perhaps three years, (Continued on Page 2)

Way Paved For New State Group

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP) — The appointment of two new denominational workers by the executive board of Baptist General Convention of Arizona here helps pave the way for formation of an independent Baptist state convention serving Utah, Idaho, and Nevada.

Churches in those three states — with the exception of those in western Nevada — are presently affiliated with Arizona convention. They plan to become part of an independent convention in the near future.

Roland Smith, pastor, Highland Baptist Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, was elected educational director for the three-state area working jointly under Arizona convention and Baptist Sunday School Board. He will continue to live in Salt Lake City. The election is effective Jan. 1.



BOARD OFFICERS—Dr. Earl Kelly, (second from left) newly-elected vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, congratulates Rev. W. L. Meadows upon his reelection for the third consecutive year as president of the Board. At left is Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, and at right is Rev. C. Charlie Webb, Cleveland, recording secretary, reelected. The officers were elected at the opening of the regular meeting on Tuesday at last week.

State Board Is Interim Body



EVERYONE CAN GIVE—Little Cheryl Glover of the Beginners Sunbeam department, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Glover, illustrates a point being stressed by the W. M. U. as she turns in her Little Moon Christmas Offering box to Mrs. Sam Peeples, W. M. U. prayer chairman. "Everyone in the church can give to the special offering for foreign missions," Mrs. Peeples said in noting the \$1,520 goal set for First Church, Vicksburg, Dr. John McCall, pastor.

Seminary Trustees Issue Statement

Editor's Note: The local trustees of Southern Seminary have issued a statement following the placing of the school on probation as carried on page one of this issue. The statement follows:

We, the undersigned local Trustees wish to point out that the Committee did not call into question the high academic standards of our Seminary. It is a full accredited institution. We have continuously recognized the basic Christian character and ability of the thirteen former Professors. Likewise, all the other Professors and the President are men of the highest Christian character. The report of the Committee, we believe, unfortunately failed to recognize the basic problem which existed. The Trustees were confronted with a power bloc of thirteen professors making demands which the Trustees could not grant. This group, however, insisted on compliance with its demands and tendered an ultimatum that the Trustees must either comply or they would resign. Facing this ultimatum, the Trustees had no alternative but to dismiss these men. This group kept threatening to resign but no resignations were ever forthcoming, and they refused to amend their demands. This attitude obviously could not be permitted to continue, and it was only after months of persuasion for reconciliation or retraction of threats that our dismissal action was taken.

Careful Deliberation

The Trustees proceeded with careful deliberation over a period of three months. At no time was our action hasty or ill-considered.

During the year which is now available, we invite the Committee to make a careful investigation of all the facts and circumstances with the calm assurance that they will come to the conclusion that our decision was proper and correct. Our course of action which has been interpreted as indecision was not this at all, but grew out of a desire to go the second mile. The request that Dr. McCall be asked to withdraw from the Accredited Commission of the AATS obviously stems from the fact that a litigant ought not to sit on the bench in a case in which he is involved. We call attention to the fact that President McCall voluntarily absented himself from all meetings of the American Association of Theological Schools during this inquiry.

V. V. Cook, W. R. Pettigrew, C. E. Gheens, Russell Procter, Ira J. Porter, F. A. Sampson, Joseph E. Stopher, Leo T. Wolford.

BENOIT ESTABLISHES MISSION

Benoit Mission was begun November 16, with a revival held in a four-room tenant house. The revival was scheduled for one week, but at the request of the people it continued two weeks. There were 29 for the first service, with the highest attendance reaching 67.

There were 11 professions of faith, one by restoration, and 16 by letter. There are four working with the Mission who will retain their membership in the Benoit Church.

December 7, there were 50 present for the organization of a Sunday school. Because of the lack of space, there were only four classes, Adult, Young People and older Intermediates, Younger Intermediates and Juniors, and one for those under nine.

The Benoit Church is sponsoring the mission. Rev. Charles Steele is pastor of Benoit and the Rosedale Mission.

Rev. Joseph W. Oliver, Supt., Boliver County Missions, will direct the work of the Benoit Mission.

Corinth Church Receives Award

Corinth Church, Philadelphia, has received a "30,000" certificate award for being a newly constituted church, constituted September 21, 1958.

This is the first Choctaw church (New Choctaw Association) to receive such an award. Rev. John C. Allen is pastor.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention was organized December 23, 1836 for "missionary purposes, and other objects connected with the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth—particularly in the state of Mississippi."

The constitution of the body spells out its purpose as that of Christian missions, education, social services and benevolences in Mississippi and into all parts of the world.

The administrative body of the Mississippi Baptist Convention is the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The Board is composed of one member from each of the participating associations in the state. Currently there are 76 such associations, including the New Choctaw (Indian), accounting for the present Board membership of 76.

The Convention grants to the Board the authority to supervise the general work of the Convention. This embodies all business and the work of missions, education, social service and benevolences.

Convention Ad Interim

The Convention itself is not a continuously existing body but is organized at the beginning of each annual session in November and actually exists only while it is in session.

The Board therefore is the Convention between sessions and acts for the Convention as such. The Board meets three times annually or upon call.

The first regular meeting after the Board is elected by the Convention in November is held in December at which time officers are elected and the Board organized.

The next regular meeting is held in September at which time the principal business of the Board is connected.

The other regular meeting is held the day prior to the opening of the State Convention in November.

Five Officers

The Board elects five officers—a president, vice-president, recording secretary, executive secretary and treasurer. Dr. Chester L. Quarles serves as executive secretary as well as treasurer. The executive secretary is the chief executive, administrative and promotional agent of the Convention and Convention Board.

The Board annually elects an Executive Committee of nine members which meets monthly or upon call and does the work of the Board between its sessions. The Committee is also the trustee of all Convention funds. It is organized into three committees of three members each. These are personnel, policy, and business advisory.

Ex-officio members of the Executive Committee are the executive secretary of the Board and the president of the Convention. The personnel committee of the Executive Committee is responsible for nominating all Convention Board employed personnel.

Has Three Committees

The Board has three standing committees and eleven administrative committees. The three standing committees are: Audit, Budget and Allocations; Assemblies, and Temperance.

The administrative committees relate to the various phases of the work of the Board and meet during the September session for the purpose of reviewing the work and making any recommendations thought advisable.

The Convention maintains one other board, one agency, and six institutions, each operated by a separate board of trustees. However, the executive secretary of the Convention Board counsels with them as occasion arises upon their relation to the Convention.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention today maintains a growing enterprise of missions, education, social service and education not only in Mississippi but through the Southern Baptist Convention to many parts of the world.

Three-Year Terms

Last year the 1770 participating churches gave \$3,119,317.27 to implement this program, which is administered by the Convention Board.

Convention Board members are elected for three year terms and may not serve more than two consecutive terms at any one time. Any Board member moving from the territory of his association automatically terminates his membership.

According to the Convention's constitution, the association

Baptist Briefs

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — "Total Southern Baptist denominational forces will be marshaled for the first time for a Convention-wide stress on teaching and training in 1960," Dr. W. L. Howse, Education Division director for the Baptist Sunday School Board, said here last week.

MEMPHIS — (BP) — Advance subscriptions to Ambassador Leader, newest publication of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, reached 1138 on Dec. 1, 60 days prior to publication of the first issue.

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — (BP) — The board of trustees of Georgetown College has voted to construct a dormitory for girls.

MIDDLETOWN, Ky. — (BP) — The executive board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky voted here to delay a decision on the recent management survey done of the association's work. It referred to a 17-member committee of the executive board, to be appointed later, the job of considering the recommendations made following the survey.

PARIS, Landing, Tenn. — (BP) — State Brotherhood secretaries and Royal Ambassador leaders will meet for their annual leadership planning meeting here Dec. 15-17.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — The field force of the Baptist Sunday School Board will be "At Home" Dec. 15 through 19. The entire field and professional group of employees of the Board will not accept any field engagements that week, but remain in Nashville to participate in a week of inside conferences.

CHICAGO — (RNS) — Billy Graham told 1,400 young people attending the annual 4-H Club Congress here that youth was "the only hope of the world."

DALLAS — (BP) — Because of complaints about Sunday drills for the National Guard in Texas, the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas will appoint a committee to study the Guard's policy on Sunday drills.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — (BP) — The executive board of Alabama Baptist State Convention has set aside \$277,250 for a new state Baptist office building here.

DENVER — (BP) — "Your messages, department, and news broadcasts have properly represented Baptists as striving to be Scriptural and Christian in all things," the executive board of Colorado Baptist General Convention said in a letter addressed to Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas.

nominate the person to serve as Board member but the Convention elects him to this position.

The Board member is not an associational officer. He is a Convention officer and represents the Convention to his association.

The Baptist Building in Jackson, located at the corner of Mississippi and Congress streets is the home of the Convention Board. It is a two-story and basement structure, purchased in 1945 at a cost of \$110,000.



DR. J. WASH WATTS, Acting President of New Orleans Seminary, welcomes Mrs. J. E. Pigott, of First Church, Tylertown, Miss., and her 75 companions of the Waltham Association. The W. M. U. associational group visited the Seminary campus in late November under the leadership of Mrs. Pigott. Pictured also (center) is Mrs. Frank Boyd, Union Church, Tylertown. Other churches represented were New Zion, Crystal Springs, Calvary, Diana, Lexie, Magee's Creek, and Salem.—(N. O. B. T. S. Photo).



Dr. E. C. Williams

Joins Record Staff

Dr. E. C. Williams, who recently retired as state Sunday School secretary after serving 26 years in that capacity, will become part-time field representative of the Baptist Record.

Dr. W. C. Fields, editor, said in making the announcement that he would begin his duties January 1.

Dr. Williams is widely known among Mississippi Baptists and will devote his efforts largely to that of increasing the circulation of the paper.

There are about 600 churches in the state, mostly the smaller churches, that are not in the Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record and Dr. Williams will work toward enlisting them to come into the Plan.

1,100 EF Churches

He will also work among the approximately 1,100 churches already in the Plan, encouraging them to bring their mailing lists up-to-date by adding names of families or individuals who may not now be receiving the paper.

Dr. Williams has been working with Mississippi Baptists since 1924. He served as associate in the State Sunday School Department from 1924 to 1938 when he became head of the Department.

Board Re-Elects

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the report said that the four Baptist colleges should adopt the program of record keeping and auditing as recommended by the American Council of Education. This would provide uniformity in reports so that accurate comparisons could be made on various costs incurred by the colleges.

The report also said that an appropriate and detailed study should be made of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in order that the Convention may determine the place the School of Nursing is to occupy in the Christian Education program and the relationship of the school to the Education Commission. It is suggested that this study include all aspects of operating the School of Nursing including its relationship to the Convention, its costs, the source of funds and such changes in the Convention's Constitution and By-Laws, if any, as may be required to accomplish the foregoing purpose.

Committee Named

The Board authorized its president to appoint a committee to make this study as follows:

Dr. Hudgins, Dr. Landrum, Rev. Cox, Rev. C. C. Bryan, Hattiesburg; Rev. O. R. Daniels, Carthage; Rev. Rowe Holcomb, Hazlehurst; and Rev. Ivor Clark, Macon.

The report commended Carey College and its administration on its achievement of accreditation. The college plans a celebration of the accreditation February 5-7.

The Board approved the suggested date of Jan. 25 as a time for the churches to be urged to make a special offering to the American Bible Society.

Exec. Committee Meets

Following the regular Board meeting the newly-elected Executive Committee met for its first session and effected its organization.

Officers elected were: Dr. Landrum, chairman; Dr. Hudgins, vice-chairman, and Rev. Webb, secretary.

Named to the personnel committee were: Dr. Kelly, Rev. Meadows and Dr. Landrum. Members to compose the business and advisory committee are: Mr. Perry, Rev. Cox and Dr. Hudgins.

Elected to serve on the policy committee were: Rev. Perkins, Rev. Day and Rev. Webb.

Names In The News

Rev. Phillips R. McCarthy, formerly of Crosby, Miss., has resigned the pastorate of Micola Baptist Church in Steele, Missouri to accept a call to First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., as Youth Director.

Dr. Luther Joe Thompson, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson, is quoted in the December 12 issue of "The Evangelist," the bulletin of First Church, New Orleans. His article "Being Fair to Downtown Churches," is printed on page one of that leaflet.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Hill, Southern Baptist missionaries to Costa Rica, announce the birth of a daughter, Crystal Patrice. They have another daughter, Cynthia Paige. Their address is Apartado 1883, San Jose, Costa Rica. Mrs. Hill is the former Cornice Winter, a native of Grenada County, Mississippi.

Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches, will spend the 1958 Christmas season with units of the United States armed forces in Spain and North Africa. He is a Baptist pastor in St. Louis.

Rev. W. L. Howse, retired minister who has made his home in Jackson for many years, is now seriously ill in the Baptist Hospital in Jackson. Since his ordination in 1894 the 89-year-old minister has served more than 50 years as a pastor, much of the time in northern and central Mississippi.

John W. Green, pastor of First Church, Winona, is a contributor to the January-March 1959, issue of Open Windows. His devotionals, for January 11-17, are on the theme, "Laws of the Kingdom."

Rev. Elwyn N. Wilkinson has resigned the pastorate of the Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, to return to Mississippi as pastor of the Hartsboro Church, beginning January 1.

Dr. Walter L. Moore, pastor of First Church, Meridian, who will be one of the speakers at Virginia's State Evangelistic Conference, January 15-16, First Baptist Church, Richmond, was featured in the December 4 issue of the Religious Herald.

Dr. Howard E. Spell, academic dean of Mississippi College, is a member of a Baptist Focus Week Team at the University of Oklahoma, Norman Oklahoma, this week.

Rev. Fred Tarpley, pastor of Ridgcrest Baptist Church, Jackson, has been elected vice president of the Jackson Ministerial Association to serve for 1959.

Rev. Edward P. Burke, Superintendent of Missions for Carroll and Montgomery Counties, is leading a revival effort in Sparks, Nevada.

Dr. David Q. Byrd, pastor of West Jackson Church, Jackson, Tennessee, will be the evangelist at Second Avenue Church, Laurel, during the simultaneous revival crusade March 22-29, 1959. Dr. W. Levon Moore is the pastor.

Pike County Brotherhood Honors W. R.

The Baptist Board has received a copy of resolutions adopted by the Pike County Association, O. B. Mott, President, on December 8 at its regular meeting at First Church, Magnolia.

The resolution expressed "sincere and heartfelt appreciation" to Mr. W. R. Roberts for his "fruitful, Christ-centered leadership of the Mississippi Brotherhood Department."

Roberts, who has served the Brotherhood secretary post 11 years, has been named Mississippi representative of the Relief and Annuity



YOUNG CAROL SINGERS—"O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!"—(RNS Photo.)

Laymen Help Unsaved Decide For Christ

Thursday, Dec. 18, 1958

THE BAPTIST RECORD 3

By J. T. ELLIFF
Pastor, Bethany Baptist Church
Kansas City, Mo.
There is absolutely nothing to equal the inspiration of seeing people walk the aisle for Christ

each Sunday. It is especially thrilling if you know these people are being moved in a city pastorate by the old-time procedure of prayer, visitation, and Holy Spirit conviction.

The procedure we have followed for over a year has been the greatest contributor to an increase of 13 per cent in baptisms. It has given our church a feeling of expectancy in every service that people would profess faith.

Our plan at Bethany Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., is this: A group of men meet for breakfast each Saturday to make reports, to take soul-winning assignments, and to pray. The pastor is in charge of the meeting which lasts an hour and 15 minutes. (We found it convenient to meet in a private dining room of a restaurant so that fluctuations in the size of the group would not matter.)

The men agreed from the first to three basic things. First, they wanted to help unsaved and unchurched people, and were willing to take time each week to do it.

Second, they did not want publicity for the group or themselves when decisions were made. This was to be no select group, no "Andrew" band. Third when they met they were willing to stick to a rather rigid agenda.

No Fellowship

It is important to note that this was to be no jolly fellowship meeting. It was not even to be a general discussion meeting of church problems. In fact, we agreed to not even pray for anything except unsaved or unchurched people by name!

Bethany has not tried to "train" these men to win souls; they have learned by doing. Most of those won are visited and cultivated and yearned over until they start attending church services.

Usually they make their decision for Christ in the service. Recently we have been taking a card with a verse of Scripture on it to memorize through the week. We each quote this verse with the reference while the meal is in progress.

Our rigid schedule is this:
7:00—Order meals; have blessing; quote memory verse; report on last week's assignments (very brief and to the point); take new assignments from pastor; kneel for prayer around the circle.

8:15 Dismissed.
How Do They Like It?
How do the men like it? Da-

mon Robinson, busy wholesale hardware salesman, says, "I am grateful for the privilege of being a small part of this group of men who desire to be about the Master's business of winning souls."

"Without such an opportunity as this meeting affords, I doubt very much if I could or would have the courage to go in his name to tell the good news as I have found myself doing under his leadership. It is more rewarding than anything I have ever done before."

E. W. Poore, retired Sears executive, and president of Missouri Baptist Brotherhood, says it is one of the most challenging things he talks about to men over the state. He reports many groups being organized for the same purpose.

As pastor, I can say that I doubt if I will ever again be without such a group. Our men want to be soul-winners! They should, for we have been telling them for years that soul-winning is everyone's job! A plan like that above provides the incentives and produces the results.



DR. AND MRS. Eugene Grubbs, newly-appointed Southern Baptist missionaries will soon be telling the good news of God's love in Indonesia.

Mississippi Pastor and Wife Named As Missionaries To Indonesia

RICHMOND, Va. — Pastor and Mrs. W. Eugene Grubbs, of First Church, Charleston, Miss., have been appointed missionaries to Indonesia today by the Foreign Mission Board at its regular monthly meeting in Richmond, Va.

Dr. Grubbs has been pastor of the Charleston church since May, 1957. He was formerly pastor of East Avenue Church, Springfield, Mo., Seven Hills Church, Mobile, Ala., and Mount Olive Church, Hastings, Fla., and fellow in Christian psychology and counseling at New Orleans (La.) Seminary. He was in the U. S. Navy for nearly three years.

A native of Foley, Ala., he attended the University of South Carolina, Columbia, and received the bachelor of arts degree from Stetson University, De Land, Fla., and the bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

Conviction Deepened

Dr. Grubbs said he began to feel an interest in foreign missionary programs at the seminary. "Through the years the conviction deepened that I should offer my services to the Foreign Mission Board," he said. "My wife, also, began to feel a call. In November, 1957, during a School of Missions in our church, we arrived at our decision to permit God to have his way in our lives and became candidates for missionary appointment."

Mrs. Grubbs, the former Phyllis Anne Coffman, is a native Hutchinson, Kan. She received nurse's training at St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing, Wichita, Kan., and attended New Orleans Seminary. She has been a nurse's aide, charge nurse, and night supervisor at St. Francis Hospital; senior nurse cadet and staff nurse at U. S. Veterans Hospital, Des Moines, Iowa; staff nurse at Meritt Hospital, Oakland, Calif., and Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans; and night supervisor at Alameda (Calif.) Hospital, De Land Hospital, and Halifax Hospital, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Dr. and Mrs. Grubbs have four children: Walter Eugene, nearly 12; Paul Alan, nearly 10; Joseph Dennis, eight; and Laura Catherine, six.

NORTHSIDE TO PRESENT PAGEANT

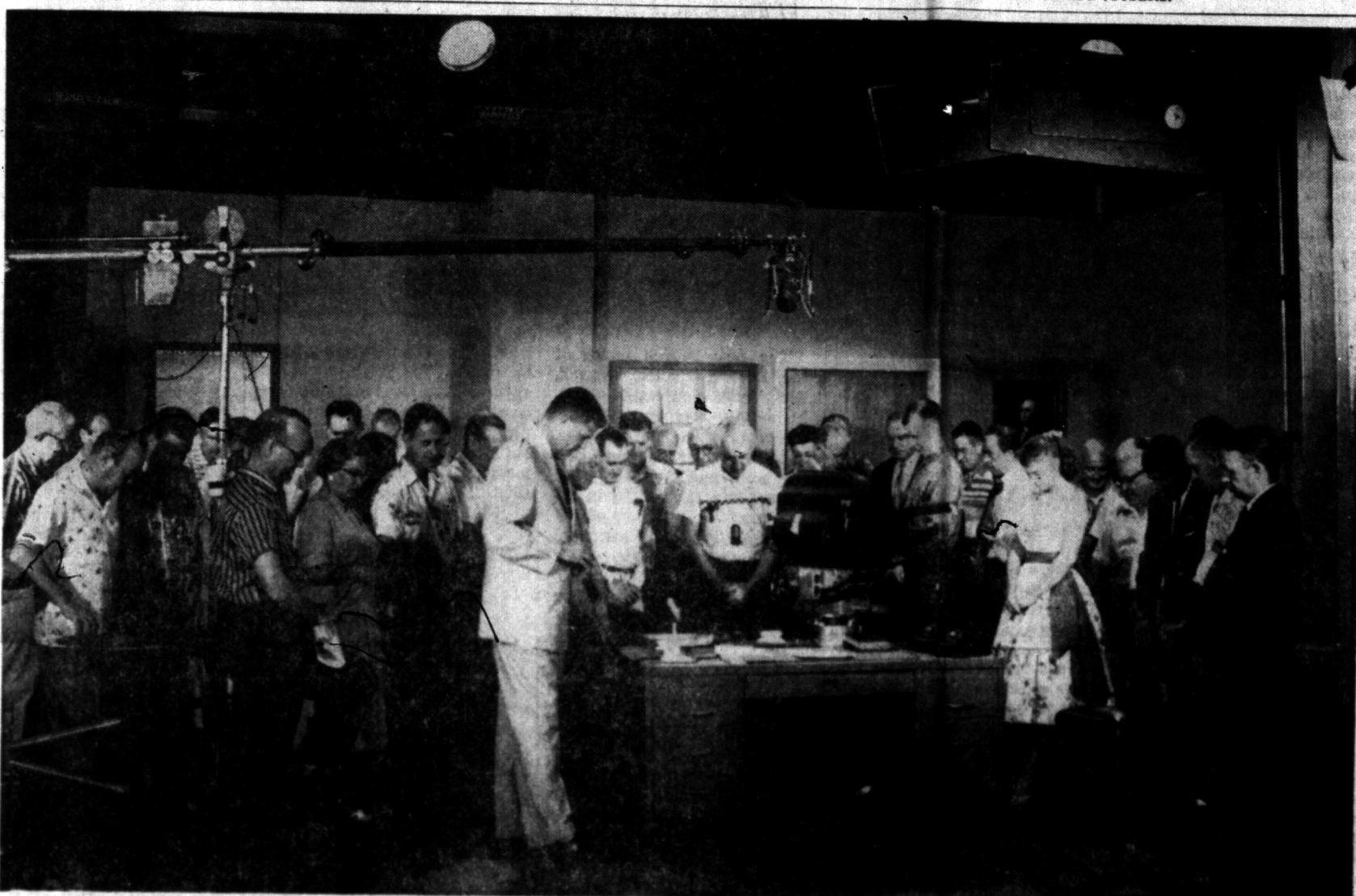
Northside Church, Jackson, will present the Christmas Pageant Sunday evening, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the church auditorium. The Pageant will use eight choirs, six tableaux and narrators telling the prophecy and birth of the Christ child.

Approximately 300 persons will be involved in the presentation. The six tableaux will consist of a Family Tableau, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Stephenson, Keith Stephenson and Shirley Kerstens; the Angel Gabriel and Mary, J. J. Turner and Mrs. A. E. Anthony; Bethlehem, the Shepherds, B. M. Overstreet, Mac Hunter III and Von Dunaway; the Wise Men, James Spell, Dr. S. L. Stringer and Charles Christian; the Manger Scene, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Anthony and Mrs. Tom Smith. Tableaux will be directed by Mrs. Gene Cazenave and Mildred Would, Associate.

John Bomer will be the narrator. Music will be furnished by the three Primary, two Junior, Intermediate, Young People and Adult Choirs.

Scenery will be sponsored by the Northside Church Brotherhood, Col. R. A. Locke, president, with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Byrd in charge. Gene Cazenave will direct the lighting.

The Christmas Pageant was written by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Byrd, members at Northside. Rev. Wm. Henry Crouch is pastor and Wm. E. Jarvis, Minister of Music.



Every day's work on the set where Southern Baptist television films are being shot is opened with

prayer. Here actors, cameramen, prop men, technicians, everyone pause as Paul Stevens, SBC Ra-

dio and television commission director, asks God's blessings on their combined talents.



GREAT FILMS are made in the cutting room, where scenes must be left in or cut out by the "feel" for it. Paul Stevens discusses a sequence with Bobby Fritch, studio's film editor, during production of the Southern Baptist televangelism series.



TEENAGER SALLY JAMES is unable to cope with an unexpected turn in her romance, with young Jerry Banks, and she can get no counsel from her divorced mother who is wrapped up in a business career. Scene is from the complete, new dramatic episode on self-centeredness, titled "A Walk in the Dark", in the television series "This Is the Answer," produced by the Southern Baptist radio and television commission. Sally James is played by Susan Whitney, and Jerry Banks by Gary Vinson.

Televangelism Series For '59 Launching

Southern Baptists launch one of the most unusual evangelistic undertakings of this electronic age early in 1959 under the name TELEVANGELISM. The wide appeal of one of the twentieth century's most amazing gadgets — television — is

combined with one of the first century's most effective soul-winning methods — personal witnessing — in a new effort to reach the nation's unsaved multitudes with the gospel message. TELEVANGELISM has been designed to give every church

member opportunity for a vital part in the 1959 Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusades next spring, which will launch the nation-wide Baptist Jubilee Advancement.

13 New Films
The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, under direction of Paul M. Stevens, has produced 13 new 30-minute dramatic films which will be shown under the series title THIS IS THE ANSWER by station across the nation on Sunday afternoons in January, February and March. Each station is to show

the film at the same time. Church members are urged to invite their unsaved friends and neighbors to view the films and to use the occasion to win them to Christ. Booklets are available discussing each problem presented and explaining the plan of salvation.

May the meaning of Christmas be Deeper, its Friendship Stronger, and its Hopes Brighter as it comes to you this Year!

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W. C. FIELDS, Editor

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Thursday, Dec. 18, 1958

The Spirit Of The Season

What a different world we would have if the atmosphere of these late December days could pervade all twelve months of the year.

George Matthew Adams wrote, "The happiest event of the year is—and ought to be—Christmas."

"Shadowing the entire world," said he, "is the spirit of good will—the one time of the year when people everywhere turn their thoughts to others. How wonderful if his spirit could only live throughout the entire year!"

Congratulations To Carey

The year-end has brought good news to the campus of William Carey College.

As announced in last week's issue of the paper, the school is now fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges.

Furthermore, with two additions to the faculty next semester, the school will have the largest proportion of faculty members with the Doctor's degree of any institution of higher learning in Mississippi.

Enrollment for the first semester is up 20 percent over last year and 200 percent over five years ago.

Christmastime congratulations to President J. Ralph Noonkester, Dean Joseph M. Ernest, Jr., the faculty and student body for a high order of achievement in Christian education.

No Paper Next Week

Following a custom of long standing, there will be no issue of **The Baptist Record** next week.

This is the final week of publication this year. The next paper will carry the date, January 1, 1959.

May we take this space then to tell you that it has been a great privilege to serve with Mississippi Baptists during this year.

...and may the Christmas season, with all of its rich meaning for every believer in Christ, bring you peace and joy.

Concerning Revival Reports

In all likelihood there will be more than 2,500 revival meetings conducted in Mississippi Baptist churches during 1959.

The year of evangelism emphasis will bring a greater amount of revival activity than we have seen heretofore.

Your state paper will support these efforts to the fullest.

In order to be helpful to as many churches as possible some changes in revival reporting will go into effect January 1. News concerning all individual church revivals will be carried in a column headed "Revival Dates."

Information for this column should include the name of the church, the association, the inclusive revival dates, the names of the revival preacher and singer, their home addresses, and the name of the pastor.

Thumbnail cuts or mats of one of the principal participants in the revival will be used whenever furnished. A church desiring to have a thumbnail cut made for this purpose should send a glossy print to **The Baptist Record**. The engraving cost to the church is small.

Because of limited space and the great number of revivals we will no longer be able to use one column cuts in connection with individual church revivals.

Simultaneous campaigns and central meetings involving a number of churches will be given fuller coverage in both news and pictures.

After January 1 information concerning individual church revivals that have concluded will be carried in a regular column headed "Revival Results."

Those reporting on such meetings should give the following facts: church, association, dates, preacher, singer, pastor, number for baptism, by letter or restoration for vocational Christian service, for rededication.

These policies are set forth with the approval of **The Baptist Record** Advisory Committee and are intended to give wider, more comprehensive information.

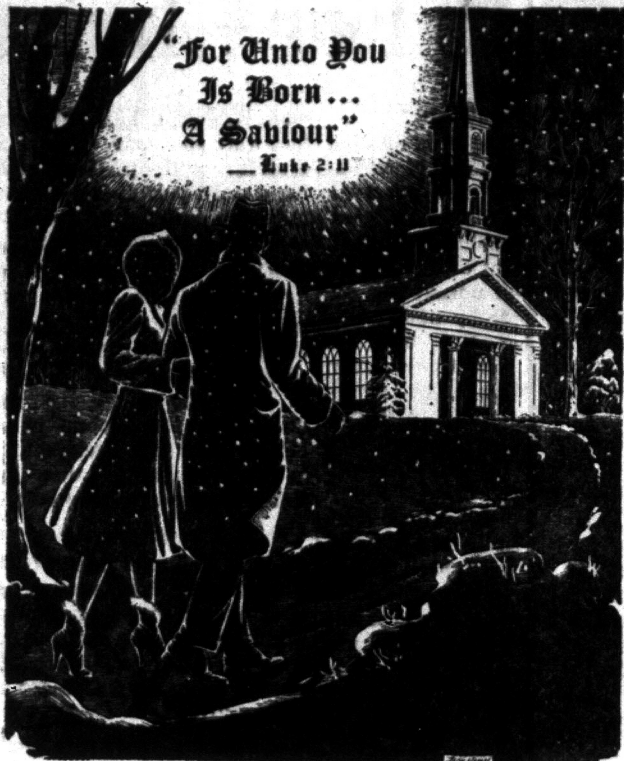
Within the crowded space available each week it is the desire and purpose of all connected with your state paper to make this journal a helpful ally to every Baptist church and every Baptist in Mississippi.

Christmas Greetings!

TO: THE BAPTIST PEOPLE
OF MISSISSIPPI — FROM:

Chester L. Quarles	L. Gordon Sansing
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W. C. Fields	Kermit King
Arthur Nelson	Ralph Winders
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Claude Morgan	Harry A. Spencer

... and the associates, secretaries, and workers in the various departments located at the Baptist Building, Jackson.



'Silent Night'

The Baptist Forum

Weekly Letter

It gives me so much pleasure to send you a check for the dear Baptist Record. I don't want to miss a single copy. My mother (when she was living) looked forward and called it her weekly letter as she was so much interested in all the news from the Baptist preachers.

Mrs. Lizzie Gooch Pittman
Oakland, Mississippi.

News From Oregon

Two years ago this month I left McLain, Mississippi, where I had pastored for 30 months and assumed the pastorate of the First Southern Baptist Church, Eugene, Oregon. I can truthfully say that the last 24 months have been the happiest, and what I consider the most profitable, months of my ministry.

I have appreciated so much the fine service you have rendered Mississippi Baptists and the cause of Christ through the Baptist Record. I eagerly await its arrival each week. As you already know, much of the success of the 30,000 campaign depends upon what Southern Baptists do in pioneer areas.

I have seen the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington grow in the past 24 months from 140 churches and missions to the present 170 churches and missions. I have been in contact all along with Dr. Quarles concerning the tremendous needs and challenges of the Northwest.

These opportunities are unrecognized by many because of their distance from pioneer work, and will remain so until men in your position see the greatness of this work.

Mack P. Jones, Pastor
First Southern Baptist Church
2520 Harris Street
Eugene, Oregon

Thanks From The Orphanage

Do let me take this method, however delayed, to thank you once again for the most splendid coverage given the Baptist Orphanage in your paper, the Baptist Record, concerning the history, program and ministry of the Home.

Especially was this very time—

Pages

From The Past

By J. L. BOYD, Sr.

50 YEARS AGO

Dr. J. L. Johnson of Clinton advocates strongly an Old Preachers' Home for the old worn out Baptist preachers of Mississippi.

John H. Buchanan of Blue Mountain was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by the Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, on fifth Sunday in November, 1908, as reported by his pastor, Rev. R. A. Kimbrough. (This young man recently retired after serving the South Side Baptist Church of Birmingham, Ala., as pastor, and the denomination for many years.)

Pastor R. A. Kimbrough of Blue Mountain had as his helper in their annual revival Rev. W. A. Borum of Oxford, with fifty-five additions, forty of them for baptism.

There were sixty additions to the Kentwood church from a revival in which Pastor W. A. Cain was assisted by Rev. W. A. Holcomb as evangelist.

Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, president of the W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention in her appeal for the Christmas Offering, suggests an average of twenty-five cents for each woman in the church.

The Greenwood Baptist Church had a "Dirt Breaking" ceremony on December 15, two in the afternoon, for their new "temple of worship" with Pastor Selsus E. Tull taking up "the spade, shoved it to the handle in the ground."

25 YEARS AGO

The new church house of the Second Baptist Church, Biloxi, was completed recently and the keys turned over to Pastor E. S. Flynt by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. DeJean, who had contributed liberally of money and their time in supervising the erection of the building. The male members of the church donated their time and skills, one man as much as sixty days labor. The Pan-American Petroleum Corporation gave a large dwelling and garage in support of the movement.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB) —Free Offers, a folder listing materials provided churches free by the Baptist Sunday School Board, may be secured by writing the Board's Service Division, director's office.

Laurel Church Has Day Of Victory

There was victory at Magnolia Street Church, Laurel, on Loyalty Day, Nov. 30th, as the pledge cards were turned in. The proposed budget for 1959, an 80% increase over the 1958 budget, calls for \$675.94 per week. The pledge cards totaled \$675.95.

This church also set two attendance records on this day, with 409 in Sunday School and an increase in Training Union.

The Rev. Damon Vaughn is pastor of this church.

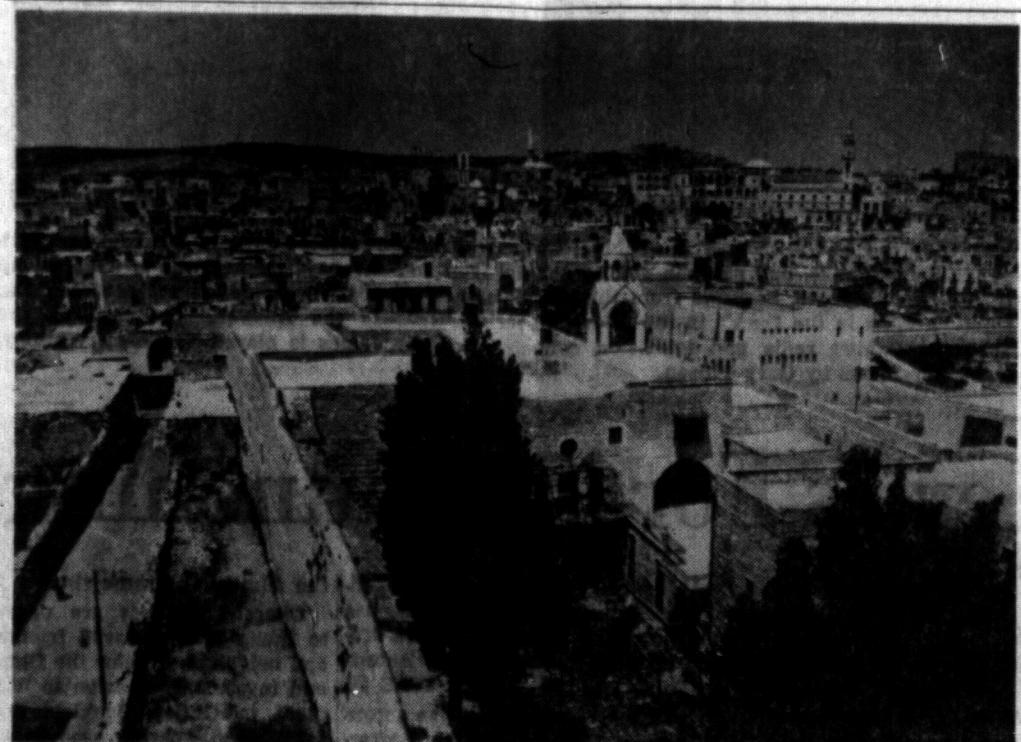
State Student Councils Meet At Blue Mountain

Blue Mountain College was host to Student Councils of all senior colleges of Mississippi on Friday and Saturday, December 12 and 13. Including the Blue Mountain College Student Council, there were 109 students who attended the bi-annual meeting of the MIC.

Jo Beth Landrum, Laurel, Vice-President of Blue Mountain College's Student Government Council and First Vice-President of the Mississippi Intercollegiate Council, was in charge of all campus arrangements for the meeting.

One of the highlights of the entire meeting was a banquet which was held in New Albany on Friday night with Mississippi's Lieut. Governor, Carroll Gartin, as the guest speaker. Officers of the MIC are: Chairman, Sammy Guyton, Mississippi State University; First Vice-Chairman, Jo Beth Landrum, Blue Mountain College; Second Vice-Chairman, Eloise Farr, Northwest Junior College; Secretary, Shirley Ray, Mississippi State University; and Treasurer, Frances Hays, Mississippi State College for Women.

A reception was given for the guests by the Blue Mountain College group.



MODERN BETHLEHEM—This is Bethlehem today as seen from the Tower of the Church of the Nativity, which is built over the traditional spot where Jesus was born 2,000 years ago.—(Religious News Service Photo).

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON
(Author of "For Our Age of Anxiety" Available at Your Baptist Book Store)

CHRISTMAS TROUBLES
QUESTION: Every Christmas is a nightmare at our house. My husband wants to take the family and go to his folks. I want to go to mine and yet our children, who are ten and thirteen, want us to stay at home and have our Christmas. It seems a pity to make the birth of Christ a time of coldness and quarreling. What can we do?

ANSWER: Hostility within families is a tragic thing. Yet the kind of problem you face is not an uncommon one. What can you do? Get on the same team. You and your husband have never quite become one. Now your children are forming a third team. What a pity! It seems to me that you and your whole family ought to sit down and face together your social obligations. You certainly have some responsibility to both of your parents. Maybe you can go to one of your families this Christmas and to the other next. Perhaps the parents can come to your house instead of your going to theirs.

It sounds to me as if someone is trying to control somebody else. This is not very Christian. Freedom is very important here especially for adults. Children have to be taught to conform to certain customs. They have obligations even to grandparents. They will be grandparents some day themselves. (Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 W. 47 Street, Kansas City 12, Mo.)

Calendar of Prayer

December 22 — J. Monroe Lannon, Mississippi College faculty; Earl Warford, Alcorn Associational Missionary.
December 23 — Mrs. Evelyn McClure, William Carey College faculty; David C. Yang, Williams Carey College faculty.
December 24 — Dan Thompson, Marion Associational Sunday School Supt.; J. B. Hiott, Marshall Associational Sunday School Supt.
December 25 — Victor M. Kanubbe, New Chotaw Associational Music Director; J. B. Rowe, Zion Associational Music Director.
December 26 — Virginia E. Lane, Blue Mountain College physician; Mrs. Joel Barr, Baptist Building.
December 27 — Mrs. Joe Clark, Baptist Building; Kathryn Jasper, Hinds Associational B. S. U. Director.
December 28 — Joe Duckett, LeFlore Associational Brotherhood President; R. B. Moore, Neshoba Associational Training Union Director.

CHICAGO, Ill. (RNS) — A home study course for American Baptist Convention pastors whose training does not meet educational standards recommended by the denomination's Commission on the Ministry will be offered early in 1959. It was announced at the Commission's annual meeting here.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — (BP) —The board of missions of Florida Baptist Convention has awarded a contract for a new state convention office building here. It is expected to cost about \$500,000.

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ACHIEVING RECORDS in Sunday School attendance at Coldwater Church in Neshoba County are the two boys shown above, Durwood Barnes and Jas. Moore. Durwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Barnes, has been present every Sunday for one year and James, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Moore, has a record of three years' perfect attendance. Rev. Clyde H. Wroten is their pastor.



BERLIN STAMP—West Berlin —This stamp honoring Protestant theologian Dr. Friederich Schleiermacher (1768-1834) is one of a series being issued by West Berlin to hail "Great Men of Berlin." Although born in Breslau (now in Communist East Germany), Dr. Schleiermacher spent most of his working life as dean of the theological faculty at the University of Berlin. He is regarded as the father of modern Protestant theology.—(RNS Photo).

New Books

SERMON OUTLINES ON BIBLE CHARACTERS (OLD TESTAMENT) compiled by Al Bryant (Zondervan, 62 pp., \$1.00) —a paperback loose leaf assortment of 51 sermon outlines on Old Testament characters intended as pump-primers, not crutches.

PREACHING ON THE LIFE OF CHRIST by W. S. McBirnie (Zondervan, 118 pp., \$2.00) —sermons by a San Antonio pastor whose church (Trinity Baptist) has grown from a charter membership of 94 in 1949 to over 3,000.

THE NEW TESTAMENT, A BOOK-BY BOOK SURVEY by Mark G. Cambron (Zondervan, 472 pp., \$5.95) —a hundred yard dash through the Bible with a passing glance at each of the sixty-six books they pass by.

THE TESTING OF NEGRO INTELLIGENCE by Audrey M. Shuey (J. P. Bell Company, Inc., 351 pp., \$4.00) —a fair-minded attempt to apply objective, scientific tests in a difficult area, done by a psychology professor in a Baptist school, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va.

THE EPISTLES OF PAUL by W. J. Conybeare (Baker, 231 pp., \$2.50) —a separate reprint of the translation and comments portion of the incomparable Conybeare and Howson book, *The Life and Epistles of St. Paul*.

PERSONAL SOUL-WINNING by Leonard Sanderson (Convention Press, 131 pp., 60c) —a manual on the most important work the Christian ever does, clearly presented and timed to the needs of the 1959 emphasis on evangelism.

THE DIGNITY OF THE UNDEFEATED AND OTHER SERMONS (Christopher, 174 pp., \$3.00) —a dozen sermons by a Congregationalist pastor, built around modern fiction and biography.

SERMONOTES by Wendell Stearns (Baker, \$85) —a handy notebook for jotting down sermon ideas during conventions, assemblies, and other such meetings.



WHERE JESUS WAS BORN—This is the Greek Orthodox Tower on the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. The church is built over a grotto where according to tradition the infant Jesus was born 2,000 years ago.—(RNS Photo).

Child Care Leaders Meet Jan. 29-30

OKLAHOMA CITY — (BP)—Those who direct Southern Baptists' children's homes and other child care programs will meet here Jan. 29-30 to share their common interests and problems. Their organization, which meets yearly, is known as the Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists.

While the organization itself has no direct status with the denomination, the members of the organization do have official positions as superintendents, secretaries, and other leaders in Baptist child care institutions.

Thus the thinking of denominational leaders in matters of child care is often moulded at these annual sessions.

W. C. Reed, retired superintendent of Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina, will be one of the featured speakers. His topic: "The Psychology of Institutional Living."

Nathan C. Brooks, president of Carver School of Missions

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Postals Spread Yule Cheer

By S. L. Morgan, Sr.

On my recent birthday two friends presented me with 60 postal cards, knowing a favorite hobby of mine is the use of postals. I use hundreds of friendships alive—one of the true joys in life for me. Indeed, I've found nothing in life more rewarding.

Of all the numerous articles I've written, none has ever brought me a heartier response than on "Kindness by Mail"—kindness mainly by the use of postals: three cents, two minutes, then a kind message on its way to cheer some burdened or lonely heart.

Christmas Cheer

I write this simply to urge you to try this out at Christmas. Instead of the conventional Christmas card, with maybe only your name or initials to identify you, try a real heart-message on a postal card. It's cheap—it's quick—it's easy, and it can be heart-warming, if only you put your heart into it.

And don't be stingy with your heart-messages, greeting only a few intimate relatives and friends. The world is full of hearts aching to know someone cares. And a postal can do wonders to ease the aches. I've tried it hundreds of times and know firsthand.

I've just received a two-page letter, beautifully written, from an unknown woman in Indiana, thanking me for an article of mine for last Christmas on how I find Christmas joy. A paper containing it had somehow been dropped in her driveway. It was bedraggled by passing cars, some of it unreadable. In my article I had remarked that I myself would love to get a heart-message on a postal.

Habit Formed

And she wrote, "That got me! For it has been my habit for years to write postals to my neighbors with heart-messages: to one, 'I have enjoyed you the past year—the smoke rising from your chimney over your fireplace—and you maybe sittings by it'. To another, 'I love the new arrangement of your lawn'. To another, 'I admire you your fine children'." And one neighbor phoned her, "Of all the Christmas cards we've received in years, your postal did me more good than all the other Christmas cards together!" The editor wants to print her model letter.

I wrote a postal to a woman I've never seen. I only knew her father as a little boy with me in a rural Sunday school—80 years ago. I learned he was near death—he has just been buried. I knew she was anxious, besides carrying the burdens of a school teacher. My

and Social Work, Louisville, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, will attend. Among the objectives of his school is producing graduates who are well-qualified to serve in Baptist child care work.

postal said, "Be sure I care, and I'll pray for you."

She replied—and with what pathos! "Your card brought me just what I needed. I put your card in my purse and took it to school, and took it out and read it several times during the day—just to feel that someone cared!" And only a postal!

Heart Message

I read of the death of a fine man, my neighbor years ago, the father of a high-ranking general. I wrote a postal to the fine Christian widow, simply saying how his death grieved me too, and how fine I felt the parents and children were years before—just a little heart-message.

She wrote me touchingly—and sincerely, I'm sure: "Of all the hundreds of telegrams, letters, and notes received, none did me so much good as your note! Only a postal, and a heart to care!"

Every Christmas I like to pass on again my favorite Christmas incident. It was December 31, several years ago. Postals then cost one cent! At midnight the cost would go to two cents. I

had given a day or two to typing heart-messages on a hundred or so postals—to drop in the mail before midnight. They were largely to the aged and shut-ins near and far; to some sorely bereaved and sorrowing; to some parents I was proud of for rearing fine children; to some whose heroism under trial had inspired courage in me. Who can't think of such?

Aged Saints

Three of my postals went to aged saints in my own town. One was to a noble "gentleman and scholar" near 90. Often I met him on the street hobbling with his cane, a smile on his face. One was a woman of 86, blind, but always greeting you with a glad welcome. The third was long an honored preacher-educator, now ill, his last job gone, his end near, feeling there was nothing more to live for.

Next night, only a few minutes apart, all three rang my phone, to thank me warmly for a cheery word on a postal! Three 1c postals, three minutes each! I never had so much for so little! Why not try it? All



CHRISTMAS IN THE HARBOR—Coast guardsmen share the Yuletide spirit by decorating their cutters with Christmas lights. These weather patrol vessels are shown tied up at the Constitution wharf Boston, Mass.—Religious News Service Photo.

through the year, but especially Christmas.

Those three are gone now, and I'm glad I gave them three penny postals and maybe ten minutes! And others: the great old widow of a Texas minister—her pastor wrote me what a radiant, helpful soul she was—and about the poems she wrote and sent to shut-ins near and far. Then a long silence. I wrote her—pastor, and he said, "She went home a year ago. And left an afterglow behind her." She said I helped her.

A lonely woman in Missouri wrote me repeatedly—reaching out for someone who cared—she'd be 90 on a certain date.

I sent her a postal with a word of cheer. Her end was near—she might write again.

I think some hundreds in heaven will thank me for the boosts given by my postals. I think I'll find they were my best investment on earth. I wish you'd try it out this Christmas.

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TRAINING AWARDS REPORT — OCTOBER 1, 1957 TO OCTOBER 1, 1958

—Mississippi's "Top Five Churches in Awards—"

CHURCH	Total Awards	Pastor	Educational Dir.
1. Parkway,	809	Dr. G. Norman Price	Mr. Curtis Beard
2. Natchez, First	695	Dr. D. L. White	Mrs. Waudine Storey
3. South Side, Meridian	673	Rev. W. E. Speed	Mrs. Louie Godwin
4. West Jackson, Jackson	620	Rev. J. D. Nazary	Mr. Luther Roam
5. Calvary, Jackson	597	Dr. Luther Joe Thompson	Mr. Carl Kosanke

—Mississippi's "Top Five Associations in Awards—"

Association	Total Awards	Association Supt.
1. Hinds	6,838	Mr. Carl Kosanke
2. Lauderdale	3,119	Mr. Lyle V. Corey
3. Jackson	1,830	Dr. Eugene Skelton
4. Neshoba	1,347	Rev. W. E. Palmer
5. Lebanon	1,109	Mr. Chester Vaughn

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—Churches Receiving 100 or More Awards—

Church	Ttl. Awards	Church	Ttl. Awards
1. Parkway, Jackson	809	45. Philadelphia, East	177
2. Natchez, First	695	46. Jackson, Northside	164
3. South Side, Meridian	673	47. Booneville, First	164
4. West Jackson, Jackson	620	48. Biloxi, First	161
5. Calvary, Jackson	593	49. Kreole	161
6. Pascagoula, First	579	50. Newton, First	159
7. Daniel Memorial, Jackson	534	51. Jackson, East Side	159
8. Yazoo City, First	508	52. Grenada, First	157
9. Meridian, First	506	53. McComb, First	155
10. Ridgecrest, Jackson	550	54. Kosciusko, First	154
11. Hazlehurst, First	465	55. Biloxi, Broadmoor	154
12. Griffith Memorial, Jackson	425	56. Greenwood, Calvary	152
13. Jackson, First	413	57. Horn Lake	152
14. Broadmoor, Jackson	319	57. Pascagoula, East Lawn	147
15. Philadelphia, First	308	59. Cleveland, Morrison Chapel	144
16. Poplar Sprgs. Dr., Meridian	290	60. Batesville, First	142
17. Clinton, First	289	61. Laurel, First	140
18. Highland, Meridian	288	62. Florence, Steen's Creek	138
19. Riverside, Pascagoula	288	63. West Point, First	133
20. Philadelphia, Beacon St.	287	64. Jackson, Crestwood	132
21. Louisville, First	272	65. Charleston	127
22. Columbia, Calvary	270	66. Jackson, Emmanuel	125
23. Raymond	268	67. Greenville, Parkview	125
24. Oxford, First	267	68. Meridian, Eighth Avenue ..	124
25. Jackson, Southside	255	69. Pearl City	124
26. Meridian, State Bldg.	247	70. Hattiesburg, Immanuel	123
27. Meridian, Key Field	247	71. Ruleville	122
28. Moss Point, East	245	72. Richland	120
29. Hattiesburg, First	240	73. Greenwood, First	117
30. Picayune, First	236	74. Centerville	115
31. Biloxi, Trinity	230	75. Linwood	114
32. Jackson, Midway	222	76. Neshoba	113
33. Terry	216	77. Columbus, East End	113
34. Byram	214	78. Van Winkle	111
35. Carthage	213	79. Rosedale	110
36. Vicksburg, Bowmar Ave.	213	80. Union	108
37. Crystal Springs, First	211	81. Union	106
38. North Columbia	210	82. Benton	106
39. Jackson, Alta Woods	203	83. Tylertown	105
40. Calhoun City, First	192	84. Pleasant Valley	105
41. Meridian, Oakland Heights ..	186	85. Meridian, Forty First Ave. ..	105
42. Tupelo, Calvary	184	86. Hattiesburg, Main St.	104
43. Pontotoc, First	184	87. Boyle	102
44. Columbus, First	178	88. Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	102
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Slain Missionaries' Kin End Vauca Visit

Protestant women missionaries returned to civilization after 53 days deep in the Ecuadorian jungle making friends with the "stone-age" Auca Indian tribe who slew five male missionaries three years ago.

The women are Mrs. Betty Elliot, 32, of Moorestown, N. J., widow of one of the slain missionaries, and Rachel Saint, 40, of Huntingdon mission to the jungle tribe was Mrs. Elliot's four-year-old daughter, Valerie.

To reach the Auca village on the Curaray River, they traveled three days by canoe from the missionary outpost of Aranjuno. In their party were one Auca woman who life the tribe 13 years ago and six others who had gone to Aranjuno to invite the missionaries to settle on their village.

The missionary women were fed by their Auca hosts and by regular air drops from a plane of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship. They kept in touch with the base at Aranjuno by short wave radio. The mission-

aries were escorted on their return from Aucaland by a group of friendly Quechua Indians.

After a short rest, the women plan to return to Aucas. Other missionaries may go with them.

Death came to the five male missionaries while on a similar peace-making and evangelistic mission to the South American tribe in January, 1956. The tribe reportedly explained later: "We thought they were enemies and wanted to eat us."

Terry Church Honors Pastor

Honoring Rev. and Mrs. Edwin R. Quattlebaum and their children, Ruth and Eddie, a reception was held in the educational building of the Terry Church on Sunday afternoon, December 14, from 3 until 5 p.m.

Mr. Quattlebaum has recently taken up his duties as pastor at Terry.

RELIGIOUS REMARKABLES --- By Scheel

T. M. REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.



THE ELEVEN YEAR JUNIOR GIRLS' Sunday School class pictured above set something of a record by having every member present and all 100 per cent for the first seven Sundays of the church year. This new class is one of 41 Junior classes in the eight Junior departments of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, Dr. Lewis E. Rhodes, pastor. Pictured are, first row, left to right: Linda Casaver, Marsha Bowers, Donna Dukes, and Mrs. Omer Lynn, teacher. Second row, left to right: Becky Myers, Anita Benson, Linnie Patterson. (Not pictured is Pat Brown).

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NOTE: The number in parentheses indicates the number of quarters during the year the union or department was standard.

ADAMS Natchez, First Primary Department (7 yr.)

ALCORN Wheeler Grove Adult Union: "Young Married"

BOLIVAR Immanuel, Cleveland Beginner Department (2)

CALHOUN Bethany Junior Union No. II

Calhoun City, First Junior Union: "Live Wires"

Junior Department No. I

CHICKASAW Houston, First Adult Union: "Joyful Servants"

Adult Union: "Faithful Workers" (4)

Adult Department

CLAY Calvary, West Point Nursery Department (2)

Beginner Department (2)

Primary Department (3)

West Point, First Primary Department (4)

CLARKE Quitman, First Adult Union

COVIAH Hazlehurst, First Junior Union: 11-12 (3)

Adult Union

COVINGTON Collins Junior Union: "Willing Workers"

Adult Union: 11-12 Year olds

GRENADE Grenada, First Primary Department No. II (2)

Primary Department No. III

Junior Unions: 11 Year Olds

12 Year Olds

Junior Department

GULF COAST Gulfport, First Adult Union: "Starr-ing"

Trinity, Biloxi Junior Union: "Willing Workers"

Junior Department

HINDS Alta Woods Intermediate Union: "Joy"

Adult Union: "Fellowship"

Calvary Beginner Dept. 5-Yr. Olds (2)

Junior Unions: "A" Dept. 2 (2)

"B" Dept. 2

"C" Dept. 2

Junior Department 2

Intermediate Unions: "A" Dept. 2 (2)

"B" Dept. 2

Intermediate Dept. No. II (2)

Adult Union: "C" Dept. 3 (2)

"B-1" Dept. 3

"B-2" Dept. 3

Daniel Memorial Junior Union: "Go Getters"

Jackson, First Primary Department No. II (2)

Intermediate Unions: "Karachi" (2)

"Urbobo" (2)

"Kodiri"

"Tangayha" (2)

"Ashahayawa"

Intermediate Department (2)

Griffith Memorial Junior Unions: "Doers for Christ" (3)

A LESSON IN GRATITUDE

Her Only Handicaps Are Physical Ones!

E. O. Spencer of Jackson, a member of the governing board of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, has received the following correspondence:

Dear Mr. Spencer:

Out of the thousands and thousands of letter that have come to this office, it is not very often that one falls on my desk that moves me quite like this one has, from Eleanor Drath, a twenty-eight year old victim of cerebral palsy. The letter in its original is hardly legible, written with a ball point pen held between the toes of her left foot "because the right foot isn't much good for anything except for turning pages."

Included with this wonderful letter is perhaps one of the most sacrificial gifts that we have ever received, for she goes on to say: "Everything I do is done with my feet. . . for many years I have made spending change and bought most of my clothes by selling the fancy needle work that I do. . . I am slow and the little money I make is soon gone for things I need. I tithe my earnings. . . Because of my speech defect I cannot talk to people about our wonderful Savior or be a soul winner. I felt that through you I might repay a little of my debt to Christ I don't deserve it, but the Lord has blessed me again beyond my wildest dreams."

She enclosed \$10.00 and promises to pray daily. Can you read this and not be moved? Can you read this and not be concerned about how we operate B. G. E. A.? About how we spend the money that the Lord has entrusted to us? Can you read this and not be thankful for all that God has done for us? I am sure that you will agree that this is one of the most moving letters you have ever read and the most sacrificial gift we have ever received.

A copy of these letters are going to each member of the Board and of the Team. I am sure it will cause each of us to do a little re-thinking, a little re-dedicating, a little soul-searching. The Lord have mercy on us, if it doesn't!

George M. Wilson, Sec. Treas., The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1300 Harmon Place, Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

Dear Rev. Graham:

You will probably never see this letter. I know, however, I feel compelled to write to you.

I am twenty-eight years old, a victim of cerebral palsy since birth. I have never been able to use my hands. They flop about, getting in my way, breaking things, hitting people and behaving like naughty children. (Doing exactly the opposite to what they are told.)

Everything I do is done with my feet. For example I'm writing this with a ball-point pen held between the toes of my left foot. The right foot isn't much good for anything except turning pages and walking. But that is beside the point.

The point is that for many years I have made spending change and bought most of my clothes by selling the fancy needle work that I do. The Lord has blessed me with many wonderful friends and I have most always found ready sale for my wares, but I am slow and the little money I make is soon gone for things I need. I do tithe my earnings but I have long wanted to do more.

To be able to give to your Crusade has been an unattainable goal for several years. Because of my speech defect I cannot talk to people about our wonderful Savior or be a soul winner. I felt that through you I might repay a little of my debt to Christ. I don't deserve it but the Lord has blessed me again — beyond my wildest dreams.

I am indeed thankful. It is with the greatest of joy that I sign the enclosed \$10 check. I have high hopes that it will not be the last.

I will pray daily that your wonderful work may be continued for a long time to come.

Eleanor A. Drath
1212 West 31st Avenue
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

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AIMS FOR ADVANCEMENT AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS to the two Churches in Mississippi whose Women's Missionary Unions are recognized as HONOR WMU's. These two are First Baptist Church, Jackson and Picayune. This is the second year that Picayune has reached this attainment. This means that the Missionary Society is an honor society; one of each of the youth organizations are honor and ALL of the youth organizations are approved or advanced. This is indeed a splendid record!

There were 18 honor societies and these are to be congratulated: Hazlehurst, Jackson Calvary and First; Leesburg, Boyle, Indianola, Charleston, Arkabutla, Evansville (Tate), Senatobia, Meridian 15th Ave., Lucedale, Trinity Biloxi, East Moss Point, Picayune, Whitesand (Jeff Davis), Newhebron and Liberty. There were 135 Missionary Societies that received recognition as advanced and 24 societies received recognition as approved Missionary Societies.

MISSION STUDY AWARDS

The following WMU's earned 350 or more points on the Mission Study Achievement Chart (the comprehensive program of mission study): Hazlehurst; Pickens; Brandon; Briar Hill, Leesburg (Rankin); Bethlehem, Poplar Springs (Simpson); Vicksburg First and Woodlawn; Cleveland Calvary, First and Immanuel; Crowder; Indianola; Greenville Second; Arkabutla, Evansville (Tate); Senatobia; Corinth First; Houka; Harrisburg Tupelo; Pontotoc First and West Heights; Palmer (Tippah); Ingomar (Union Co.); Kosciusko First; Brooksville, Dearbrook

(Noxubee); Louisville First; Eupora; Bay Springs; Meridian 15th Ave. and Southside; Carthage; Lena; Bond and Philadelphia First; Morton; Lucedale; Emmanuel Biloxi; Long Beach; Pascagoula First; Carriere, Union (Pearl River); Poplarville; Picayune; Springfield Natchez; Washington; Newhebron; Centerville (Mississippi); Liberty; Bogue Chitto (Pike); McComb South; Union Church and Union (Walthall).

CHRISTMAS CARDS WANTED

Misses Mary Sampson and Lorene Tilford (Box 135, Taichung, Taiwan) write that they are in need of old Christmas cards. Check your post office about requirements for sending these. It is suggested that you put them in fairly small packages — possibly use clasp envelopes. Be sure and put on the package "Of no commercial value."

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

A typical response: "We had more interest shown last week in our Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions than we have ever had. Ninety one percent of our WMS membership was in attendance at one or more of our periods of prayer and worship and we have already reached our goal for \$591.00 (an 11% increase over last years gifts) and we will go beyond." This is from a rural group and is indicative of the wonderful spirit of the people. These last days of December give us our opportunity to further glean. We should go well beyond the goal of \$323,000 in Mississippi.

Correction

In the list of churches participating in the State Mission Week of Prayer the following should have been added: New Prospect Tishomingo Association \$52.00.

Yazoo City, First Intermediate Union: 13-14 Year Union 14 Year Union 16 Year Union

ZION Mantee Junior Union "B" (4) Intermediate Unions: "A", "B" Intermediate Department S U M S A Y

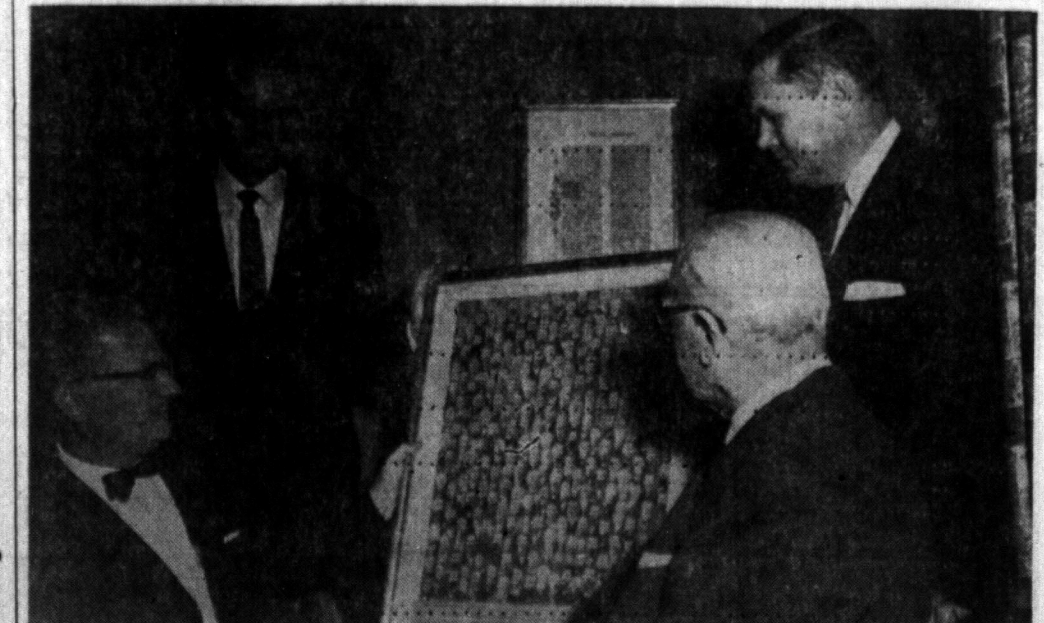
A total of 201 standard units of organization was reported for the year 1957-1958. A total of 91 churches reported, representing 44 associations. Woodville Baptist Church in Mississippi Association was the only church to report a standard Training Union. Rev. O. B. Beverly is pastor.



"SEE WHAT I HAVE!"—A Christmas-party in a European refugee camp brings joy to a little girl. National costumes and customs are revived at many of these parties. Many of the presents given to the children came from churches in the United States.—Religious News Service Photo.

MARION East Columbia Junior Union Junior Department
MISSISSIPPI
Berkwick Adult Union (2)
East Fork Primary Department
Liberty Adult Union No. 2
Mt. Vernon Intermediate Union
Oak Grove Beginner Department
Primary Department (2)
Woodville Standard Union (4)
Nursery Department (4)
Beginner Department (4)
Primary Department (4)
Junior Unions: "Truthseekers" (4)
"Willing Workers" (4)
Junior Department (4)
Adult Union (4)
MONROE Amory Adult Union No. II
NESHODA Coldwater Intermediate Union
Neshoba Junior Union: "Hustlers" (2)
NEWTON Newton, First Adult Union: "Crosby"
NOXUBEE Macon, First Junior Union: "Willing Workers"
PANOLA Batesville, First Primary Department (7&8)
Calvary, Batesville Young People's Union
Sardis Nursery Department
PIKE East McComb Nursery Department (4)
Beginner Department (2)
Intermediate Union: "Workers for Christ" (3)
Adult Unions: "Fellowship No. I" (4)
"Fellowship No. II" (3)
"Friendship"
Adult Department No. II (4)
Terry's Creek Nursery Department
LEBANON Dixie Junior Unions: No. I Junior Department Main Street, Hattiesburg

Nursery Department
Primary Department No. I (3)
Adult Unions: "Pioneer"
"David Langstone"
Hattiesburg, First Nursery Department
Adult Union: "Leaders"
LEE Calvary, Tupelo Intermediate Unions: "Companion"
"Life Savers"
Intermediate Department
Beginner Department
Junior Unions: No. I and No. II Junior Department
PONTOTOC Pontotoc, First Primary Department
RANKIN Brandon Adult Unions: No. II (2) No. III (2)
Adult Department (2)
East Side Beginner Department
Leesburg Primary Department
Pelahatchie Beginner Department
Steen's Creek Junior Union (11-12)
SIMPSON Bethlehem Adult Union
Mendenhall, First Beginner Department
Primary Department
Mt. Zion Young People's Union
SMITH Union Junior Union Adult Union Adult Department
Taylorsville Beginner Department
Primary Department
TALLAHATCHIE Charleston Primary Department (3)
Intermediate Union: "Dorcas" (2)
Paynes Primary Department (2)
Intermediate Union
Tutwiler Primary Department
UNION COUNTY New Albany, First Adult Union: "Vigilant"
Nashide, New Albany Primary Department
WALTHAM Calvary



COMMISSION ELECTS—The State Historical Commission has elected officers for the coming year. Seated, from left are: Dr. Eugene Shelton, Pascagoula, president, and Rev. J. L. Boyd, executive secretary-treasurer. Standing, from left, are Rev. James B. Riley, Magnolia, vice-president, and Rev. J. P. Neel, Jackson, new member executive committee.

Prescription For Peace

By WAYNE BARTON, Professor
New Orleans Seminary

The Christmas angels may have been on key. But they appear to have been "off base." The theme of their song has been understood through the years as a prediction of peace. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).

But two thousand years have passed and the nations have not yet beaten their "swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks," and the study of war is still the chief item in the curricula of the nations around the world.

Just before the American Revolution, Patrick Henry epitomized the plight of the world when he said, "Gentlemen may cry 'Peace! Peace!' but there is no peace. The war has already begun!" And shortly after the Civil War, Longfellow penned this expression of despair:

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men."

And, as for our time, (to parody Patrick Henry) who knows but what the next gale that sweeps from the East will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms?

The Good Will of God

Were the angels wrong? Not if rightly understood. For recent New Testament study reveals that Luke 2:14 probably should be translated "Peace on earth to men of good will." "Good will" here seems to refer to God's good will bestowed upon men in Jesus Christ. The angels, then, were speaking of internal and not international peace, though the former must precede and may eventually lead the latter.

Longfellow must have sensed this truth, for he continued his verse:

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, goodwill to men."

No, the angels were not wrong. For theirs was not a prediction of peace. It was rather a prescription for peace: the good will of God in Jesus Christ.



Rev. John Landrum, Jr.

To Pastor Mission At Canton

Rev. John W. Landrum, Jr. has been called as pastor of Northside Mission, Canton, which is a mission of First Baptist Church. For the past year and a half he was pastor of two half-time churches, Tippecanoe Baptist Church in Tallahatchie Association and Scobey Church in Yalobusha Association.

Mr. Landrum, a third generation pastor, is a freshman at Mississippi College and is majoring in Bible. Upon graduation he plans to enter Southern Seminary.

ATLANTA (BP) — Monroe F. Swilley Jr., pastor of Atlanta's Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church was elected president of the executive committee of Georgia Baptist Convention.

Sunday School And Training Union Attendance

December 14, 1958

Amory, First	348	156
Antioch (Rankin)	44	27
Batesville, First	384	145
Biloxi, Emmanuel	287	118
Brookhaven, First	751	259
Main	646	206
Southway	78	30
Halbert Heights	27	23
Bruce, First	229	70
Byram	236	141
Calhoun City, First	225	97
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	428	134
Cleveland, First	298	179
Main	263	
Chinese Mission	35	
Clinton, Morrison Hts.	119	66
Collins	150	102
Columbia, First	611	231
Corinth, East	213	125
Cruzer	46	28
Crystal Spgs., First	495	191
Dixie (Lebanon)	163	75
Greenfield (Union Co.)	97	80

NOTICE!

Beginning the first week in January the number of additions in the churches will be published each week in this column.

Those reporting Sunday School and Training Union attendance will also want to report on additions (for baptism, by letter, statement, and restoration).

Greenville, First	676	293
Main	569	244
Greenfield	59	49
Chinese Mission	57	
Greenville, Parkview	242	90
Greenwood, North	247	104
Gulfport, Bayou View	129	53
Gulfport, Grace Mem.	295	90
Hattiesburg:		
First	610	243
Main Street	1030	448
Main	953	392
N. Main Mission	43	28
Wayside Mission	34	28
38th Avenue	238	126
Main	229	
Bonhomie Mission	9	
Houston, First	198	98

Jackson:		
Alta Woods	609	300
Broadmoor	625	250
Ridgecrest	654	266
Crestwood	329	185
First	1535	573
Van Winkle	539	305
Immanuel	212	133
Dan. Memorial	909	416
Hillcrest	375	165
Parkway	906	496
Highland	171	89
Midway	220	111
Southside	253	150
West Jackson	364	138
Calvary	1454	556
Main	1422	536
Mission	32	20
Northside	671	206
Kosciusko, First	567	161
Main	545	
Maple Mission	22	

Laurel:		
First	657	204
Highland	305	129
Wildwood	304	108
Linwood (Neshoba)	104	67
McComb, Central	198	78
McComb, Locust St.	99	46
McComb, Navilla	111	60
Morton, First	234	111
Moss Point, East	299	141
Main	255	119
Mission	44	22
New Albany, First	570	215
Newton, First	475	236
Oxford, First	405	216
Pascagoula, First	662	229
Main	622	204
McArthur Chapel	40	25
Pearl (Rankin)	210	109
Petal:		
Crestview	66	40
Petal-Harvey	324	171
Main	276	118
Harvey Mission	48	53

Thursday, Dec. 18, 1958

THE BAPTIST RECORD 7



CALVARY CHURCH, Meridian, crowned Bobby Carroll Smith, Queen in Service, at a recent G. A. Coronation. Miss Nannie David, retired missionary, gave the charge and presented her with a gift from the church. Ann Seal, Becky Gardner, and Mary Ruth Jacobs, were crowned queens, with Mrs. J. E. Bassett, W. M. U. President, giving them their charge and presenting them with white Bibles. Rev. Otis Seal is pastor.

— THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Joy At The Saviour's Birth

By Dr. Bracey Campbell

Bible texts: Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-20.

INTRODUCTION. Here we are approaching the Christmas season and the thought of the Saviour's birth comes into mind. Nobody knows that the 25th day of December is the birthday of our Lord and different scholars have claimed every month in the year as the month in which he was born. I cannot see what earthly or heavenly difference it makes just what day or month holds his real birthday. The fact is undoubtedly that He was born and that His birth and living have made this a different world.

Only Matthew and Luke record his birth and their accounts supplement each other. An earnest reading of these accounts and a study of the backgrounds upon which they were written suggests to careful students that Matthew makes his record from the viewpoint of Joseph and Luke makes his from the viewpoint of Mary. This demands that Luke became acquainted with Mary while staying in Palestine what time Paul was a prisoner in Caesarea.

I. MARY. Represented by Luke as a young, sweet, pure, trusting, devout, unspoiled, village maiden, she believed God and was submissive to His will, willing to be His handmaid in the doing of that will and with no slightest doubt of the truth of His very word. She was a young woman to whom, as an example, the maidenhood of our day might well look with ardent desire.

II. MARY'S BETROTHAL TO JOSEPH. This was a ceremony or understanding by which two people became husband and wife at a date sometime before the marriage was to be consummated.

It carried with it certain restrictions realized and continued in the consummated marriage state. The affianced bride would cease "to date" and otherwise would conduct herself outwardly as a young married woman should. The same rules would apply to the young man in the case. "Joseph, her (betrothed) husband being a righteous man and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately." The Christian world thinks of Joseph as Mary's senior by a number of years, perhaps ten years, perhaps more. At least, we think of him as looking upon his betrothed wife with a mature and settled love, holding her in such developed husbandly regard as to have that love amount to an affectionate and tender reverence.

So when it became evident to him that Mary was to become a mother before the consummation of his marriage to her, he entertained the idea of giving her a chance, privately, somehow to escape the odium that would attach to her name when she became an unmarried mother. It was in this situation that the annunciations were made to Joseph and Mary.

III. THE ANNUNCIATIONS. First, to Joseph. Now, this announcement to Joseph was made by the angel Gabriel, who addressed Joseph as the son of David. He spoke thus, "Fear not to take unto thee, Mary, thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And, she shall bring forth a son; and, thou shalt call His name Jesus; for it is He that shall save His people from their sins."

Thus, the angel of the Lord spoke the word of God, "and gave unto Him the name which is above every name; that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess Jesus Christ as Lord."

Second, to Mary. "In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary." Unto this young woman the announcement was made that she was to become the mother of a son, "and thou shalt call His name Jesus." Mary was told that unto this son of hers, God would give the throne of Jesus' ancestor, David and that Jesus should reign forever, and of His kingdom there should be no end. She was told also, that her cousin, Elizabeth, was soon to become the mother of a son of great promise. The trusting heart of Mary doubted no word of this announcement.

IV. MARY VISITS ELIZABETH. Elizabeth lived in "the hill country of Judea," a distance probably of 50 or 60 miles of Nazareth. Luke makes a beautiful story of these two kinswomen and of Elizabeth's greeting of Mary as the mother of her Lord. This is followed by the wonderful song of Mary, known in Christian music as the Magnificat, where in, she magnifies the Lord and, gifted with the spirit of prophecy, foretells the future.

(Lesson commentary based on "International Sunday School Lessons," the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching, copyrighted by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.)

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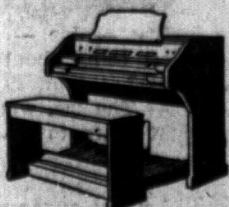
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In preparation for the January Bible Study Week the First Church, Hattiesburg has printed up a supply of wide-margin copies of the Gospel of Mark.

This type of notebook was used with such success last year that the membership of the church requested such a booklet be printed again this year.

Rev. Clyde Bryan, pastor, states that they have made arrangements with the printer to make these available to any church desiring them. The cost is twenty cents per copy.

Smith Pastors Extend Sympathy To Horn Family

The Baptist Record has received a copy of a letter from the Smith County Baptist Pastors' Conference, "extending heartfelt sympathy to the family of their fellow-laborer in the Lord," Rev. Hinton Horn, who was killed recently in an auto accident.

The communication, signed by Rev. Victor C. Johnson, president, and Rev. W. P. Blair, secretary, also pledged to help the family "in any need."



VILLAGE SCENE AT ORPHANAGE—Thousands have made a pilgrimage each Christmas season to the Alvis residence, corner of Pecan Boulevard and Robinson Street in Jackson where the Christian Village scene has been erected on the front lawn. The Village has been given to the Baptist Orphanage at the end of Bailey Avenue on Woodrow Wilson, where it is on display. Lester Alvis, Jr., (background) looks over the village with three boys of the orphanage (left to right), Tyrone Cutrer, Leroy Mashburn and Richard Morris.



The new educational building, shown above, will be dedicated at Damascus Church in Copiah County on December 21 at 2 p.m.

DAMASCUS TO DEDICATE BLDG.

The 134-year-old Damascus Church in Copiah County will dedicate its new \$20,000.00 educational building, the first unit of a construction program, on Sunday December 21, at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Joe T. Odle, Associate Executive Secretary of the Miss. Baptist Convention Board, will be the featured speaker.

Two State Students To Get Degrees



Bruce, and Byron Arthur Clendinning, Jr., Jackson.

Mrs. Turner will receive a diploma in theology and Mr. Clendinning will receive a doctor of religious education degree. Southwestern will confer 91 diplomas and degrees to students from 15 states and two foreign countries.

Ralph Phelps, president of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, will deliver the commencement address.

Lunch will be served at the church.

The pastor, Rev. Robert Dale Tatum, has been with the church since January, 1956. During this time the church has doubled its mission program, adopted a unified budget, and departmentalized the Sunday School. The new church budget exceeds all previous budgets.

Rev. Tatum received the A. B. degree from Baylor University and the B. D. degree from New Orleans Seminary. He is a Chaplain in the Naval Reserve.

"Messiah" To Be Sung At MC Dec. 18

Nine soloists will be featured in the Christmas section of the Messiah at, Mississippi College, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p. m. in Nelson Hall Auditorium.

The concert directed by Prof. E. N. Elsey, will be presented by the Mississippi College Chorale Choir combined with the Choraleers, boys' ensemble, and the Choralettes, girls' ensemble. A small orchestral group will

A Birthday Party

By REV. TOM DOUGLAS, Pastor
First, Pontotoc

All of us enjoy birthday parties and yet at times a child's party seems rather silly when observed from the adult point of view. At a children's party they always play the same games, eat the same kind of refreshments, and get the same kind of favors to take home. No matter how senseless this seems to an adult, he still will always change his opinion when he watches a child enjoy a birthday party. When the invitation is read to the child there is a smile of delight and the whole day is brighter. Later there is the excitement of buying a present and carefully wrapping it, and then the time of going to the party. The party itself is like a wonderful dream to the small child, and even when the party is over, it will still be lived and relived in the mind and in the play of the small child.

As the years pass, the ritual changes, but even adults love a birthday party. At this point it is usually a family "get together" with a big meal and everyone loves it.

Gifts To Be Given

Soon we shall be observing a "Birthday Party" but it may be quite different from the way we celebrate other such days for other loved ones. In some homes the name of the person to be honored will not even be mentioned. Gifts will be given to everyone, but not to the one whom we SAY we honor.

The Wise Men who followed the star have given us the answer, "And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts..." Matt. 1:11.

A Gift For Christ

There are many gifts which we could bring to this party, but I want to mention one which I think is most suitable. A gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions would surely bring honor to the One whose birthday we celebrate.

accompany the concert.

Raymond Ball, Waynesboro senior, will sing "Comfort ye my people" and Tanner Riley, Sallito senior, will render "Thus saith the Lord—" Barbara Menist, Jackson junior, will sing "Behold, a virgin shall conceive—"

Other soloists include Jerry Talley, Canton senior, "For, behold, darkness walked in darkness—"; Shirley Snell, Bastrop, La., senior, "There were shepherds abiding in the fields—"; Karen Becker, Leland sophomore, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion—"; Allie Ruth Booker, Hattiesburg freshman, "Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened—"; and Sharon Harbour, Meridian sophomore, "Come unto Him".

The public is invited to attend.

Ship Your Commodities To The Baptist Orphanage

Those who have not yet made shipment of supplies of food, clothing, or household articles to The Baptist Orphanage are reminded that it is not too late. Christmas Gifts for the children may also be included. The railroads will furnish free transportation for the shipment of all supplies through Dec. 31. Everyone is urged to help the Orphanage in supplying the needs of the children by taking advantage of this gracious offer by all railroads.

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SHEPHERDS' FIELD—"And there were in the same country shepherds watching and keeping the night watches over their flock." (Luke 2:8). Photo shows the "shepherds' field" with Bethlehem in the background.—(Religious News Service Photo).

Gandy To Direct MC Campaign

Robert Gandy, Jackson business man, will serve as general chairman of the current Mississippi College campaign to raise \$500,000 for capital expenditures and endowment, it has been announced by B. C. Rogers, Morton, chairman of the college's Board of Trustees.

A 1921 graduate of Mississippi College, Gandy was the school's first alumni secretary. While in this position, he conducted the funds drive for the construction of Alumni Hall, which houses the college's gymnasium, athletic department, and physical education classrooms. He also spearheaded the campaign for the erection of Crestman Hall, men's dormitory, and Farr Hall, campus infirmary.

He is a deacon and Sunday School teacher in First Baptist Church of Jackson, a past president of the Jackson Kiwanis Club, committeeman of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, a director of the State YMCA and has filled many positions of community and denominational responsibility.

Mr. Gandy announces headquarters for the Miss. College drive are set up at 114 East Amite Street.

James E. Hester and Morris G. Blocker have recently been ordained as deacons of the Benoit church, Rev. Charles Steele, pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Wayne Logan, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, have moved from Ibadan to Enugu, where Dr. Logan will establish a dental clinic. Their address is Baptist Mission, Enugu, Nigeria, West Africa. Both are natives of Mississippi, he of Calhoun County and she, the former Dorothy Cook, of Wiggins.

PROFESSOR CONTRIBUTES TO CENTENNIAL

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BPN)—A "prof's-eye" view on the lighter side will be one of Prof. Inman Johnson's contributions to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's centennial celebration next year.

"Of Parsons and Profs," his "little biography and stories collected here and there," will be published in May by Broadman Press of Nashville, Tenn.

"Prof" is professor of music and speech in Southern Baptists' oldest seminary.

Nine Students Initiated Into Delta Omicron

Nine Mississippi College students were initiated into Delta Omicron, professional fraternity for women students of music, Saturday, Dec. 13.

The initiates who are charter members of the group are: Gay Moon, Pelahatchie junior; Sarah Lou Fortenberry, Tylertown sophomore; Sarah Odle, Jackson junior; Mona Fay Gary, Clinton senior; Peggy Lewis, McComb senior; Lillian Abrams, Clinton sophomore; Virginia Wing, Marks senior; Susan Hill, Pelahatchie sophomore; and Mrs. Shirley Snell, Clinton senior. Miss Joyce Hickman, professor of piano and organ at Mississippi College, will serve as chapter advisor.

Assisting in the installation were Mrs. Roxie Beard Petzold, international president of Delta Omicron; Mrs. Vivian H. McCullough, president of Iota Providence, Enterprise, Ala.; and Miss Hickman. The Clinton Music Club will be patronesses for the campus chapter of Delta Omicron.

Postman Rings Twice, Marks Record On Both

CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP)—The mailman brought Christmas blessings three weeks early to the office of Illinois Baptist State Association here. He rang twice and set records both times.

Among his mail for the office were two letters containing checks. One letter signaled the reaching of the association's \$20,000 state mission offering goal. The other heralded the crossing of the million-dollar mark in total receipts at the state office during 1958.



SEVEN NEW DEACONS, shown above, were ordained recently at Bethlehem Church in Simpson County. Left to right (front row) are Rev. Paul Moon, pastor, Eugene Taylor, J. C. Cooley, Harry Winston, Turner Keen, (back row) Hubbard Bright, J. V. Moore, and Paul Way. Rev. James Burch preached the ordination sermon. A reception followed the ordination service.

Aberdeen First Church Adopts Budget \$56,682.04

The First Church, Aberdeen, Rev. N. F. Davis, pastor, using the Forward Program of Church Finance for the first time, has adopted a record budget of \$56,682.04 for 1959.

This budget as compared to the 1958 budget of \$32,000.00 was over-subscribed on Victory Day, Nov. 30.

The budget called for \$1090 per week with \$1,134.58 actually pledged. This does not include those who pledged but gave no amount.

Five hundred seventy-three pledges were turned in with 293 agreeing to tithe.

The 1959 budget calls for \$6,000 for the Cooperative Program as compared to \$3,662.16 this year. The total mission budget for 1959 is \$13,120 as against \$6,619 for this year.

Herbert Coleman Of Canton Dies

Herbert M. Coleman of Canton died Sunday afternoon, November 30.

Mr. Coleman was a graduate of the School of Pharmacy, Tulane University, and operated a drug store at Greenville for several years. Later he was the distributor for Gulf Refining Company in Canton for 18 years when ill health forced his retirement. He returned to his farm near Canton.

He was a member of the Canton Baptist Church and served as a deacon for many years. He is survived by his wife, the former Carolyn Holt; a daughter, Mrs. W. E. Downs, Houston, Texas; a son, Herbert Holt Coleman, Africa; his mother, Mrs. J. W. Coleman, Canton; two brothers, A. W. Coleman, Cleveland; G. C. Coleman, Canton; and one granddaughter, Cara Jane Downs.

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State Layman Writes About Mission Visit To Mexico

By D. W. Daughdrill
Leaf, Miss.

Along with other Baptist laymen from the Southern Baptist Convention, representing 11 states, I visited our mission fields in Mexico in September of this year. We were in Mexico 10 days traveling some 3,000 miles.

This tour was sponsored by the Baptist Brotherhood Commission under the leadership of James Sapp, promotional secretary.

The purpose of this tour was that we as laymen might get first hand information of our foreign mission program in action and that we might be able to present their needs to our people back home.

We visited our churches and missions in each town that we passed through. In some, we held worship service, others we met with the pastors and discussed their progress and needs.

We saw churches that had only the earth as a floor, others in need of repairs, some were being repaired and one is being partially rebuilt by gifts from

Native pastors the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

They are awaiting this year's offering, trusting it will be sufficient to finish their building. Most of these churches are pastored by native men.

In Mexico City we found the Emanuel Baptist church building modern and meeting the needs of its people.

We worshiped with members of a very poor Indian Tribe in an out-station, their building being and adobe. It seated less than 25 people and had the earth as a floor. A native Indian farmer serves as the pastor. We found these people friendly and eager to talk to us.

Our missionaries in Mexico are of the finest to be found. Rev. William Haverfield, one of them, traveled with us and was our interpreter. We really depended on him as none of us could speak Spanish.

In Torreon we visited our Seminary and met the president, Dr. Crance. We also visited the girls and boys home, where students from all over Mexico live while attending the

Seminary.

These homes are partially operated by Lottie Moon gifts. We found these homes to be rendering a wonderful service to these young people.

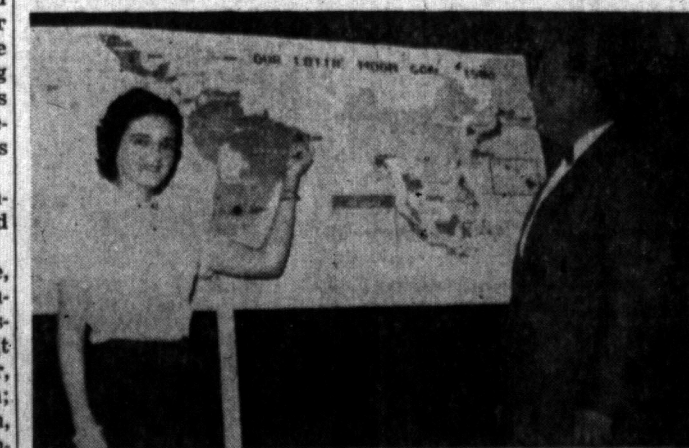
The Mexican-American hospital in Guadalajara is well equipped and is under the supervision of Drs. Cole and Fowler. In years to come it will render wonderful service to these people in their physical need and give our Christian doctors and opportunity to witness to them of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we approach our Lottie Moon offering season I urge each of you to give an extra gift this year, as in Mexico, people all over the world, wherever our missionaries are stationed, are awaiting this offering. Therefore, let us give as much as possible that our work might move forward and that the lost might be won.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Daughdrill has colored slides of Mexican mission work and will be glad to show them to interested groups.



KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS—Youngstown, O.—A child watches an outdoor Nativity scene at the foot of a huge community Christmas tree erected on Central Square in the heart of the industrial section of this city. The scene is put up every year by Youngstown's committee for a more spiritual observance of Christmas, in which Protestants and Catholics cooperate. As part of its program to "Keep Christ in Christmas," the committee also sponsors the singing of carols and hymns in Central Square.—(Religious News Service Photo).



CAREY CHALLENGED—Claude Bumpas, missionary from Baptist missionaries will soon be telling the good news of God's love make their goal of \$1500 for the Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Offering while Edile de Oliveira, student from Brazil, turns on light on the poster. The school has passed the \$850 mark in the drive. Miss Jewell Hannah, BSU Director, presided.

Off The Record

"Why," exclaimed an impatient husband, "were women made so beautiful and so dumb?"

"We are beautiful," retorted the wife, "so that men can love us, and dumb so that we can love them."

"Are your father and mother in?" asked the visitor of the small boy who opened the door. "They was in," said the child, "but they is out."

"They was in. They is out. Where's your grammar?" "She's gone upstairs," said the boy, "to lay down."

Young mother finally tucked her small son into bed after an unusually trying day. That's when she sighed, "Well, I've certainly worked from son-up to son-down."—Baptist Observer.

Two preachers passed the Pyramids while touring the Middle East.

"Wow!" said one, "Think of the pledges it took to build them!"

A mother and her young son went shopping at a supermarket. The young boy, desiring to help his mother, picked up a package of something and brought it over to her.

"Oh, no, honey," mother cried. "Put it back. You have to cook that!"

No fooling — Joe — What's the hardest thing about learning to skate?

Harry — The ice, when you come right down to it.—Builders.

Jim: "Yep, the engagement is off; she won't marry me."

Joe: "Did you tell her about your rich uncle?"

Jim: "Yeah, now she's my aunt."

Two camels trudged along side by side in a caravan crossing the burning desert. Finally one looked around furtively and said: "I don't care what anybody says, I'm thirsty."